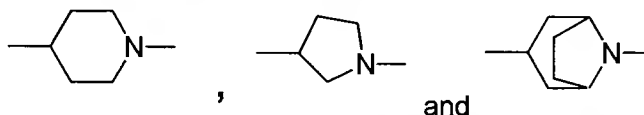


Claim Summary:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt of ~~claim 15~~ claim 29, wherein:

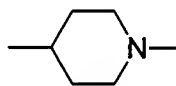
Het represents a heterocyclic group selected from



said heterocyclic group being unsubstituted or substituted by 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of substituents α^1 .

17. (currently amended) The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt of ~~claim 15~~ claim 29, wherein:

Het represents a group of formula:



and this group being unsubstituted or substituted by one substituent selected from the group consisting of substituents α^1 ;

A represents an alkylene group having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms; and

R^1 represents an isopropyl group or a cyclopentyl group.

18-22 (canceled)

23. (previously presented) A compound selected from:

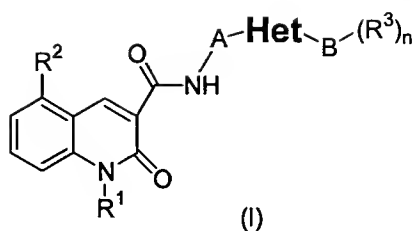
N-({1-[(*cis*-1,4-dihydroxycyclohexyl)methyl]piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-isopropyl-5-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide ethanedioate;

N-({1-[(*trans*-1,4-dihydroxycyclohexyl)methyl]piperidin-4-yl)methyl)-1-isopropyl-5-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide ethanedioate;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24-28 (canceled)

29. (new) A compound of the formula (I):



wherein

Het represents a heterocyclic group having one nitrogen atom, to which B binds directly, and from 4 to 7 carbon atoms, and said heterocyclic group being unsubstituted or substituted by 1 to 4 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of substituents α^1 ;

A represents an alkylene group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

B represents a methylene group;

R¹ represents an isopropyl group, an n-propyl group or a cyclopentyl group;

R² represents a methyl group;

R³ independently represents 1, 4 dihydroxycyclohexyl or hydroxytetrahydropyranyl;

said substituents α^1 are independently selected from a hydroxy group and an amino group; and

n is 1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.